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RESOLUTION 1701

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The Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs released the following public announcement on August 12:

Begin Informal Embassy Translation/Text:

We are pleased that the UNSC unanimously adopted resolution 1701 yesterday as a result of international efforts to stop the clashes that have been continuing in Lebanon for a month and to restore peace in the region.

The resolution urges the sides to stop clashes totally, and support a permanent ceasefire and long-term solution on the basis of aforementioned principles and elements. The resolution also foresees the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the region and an enlargement of UNIFIL's mission statement and scope of its activities, including an increase of the number of its personnel of up to 15,000 troops and a parallel deployment of UNIFIL together with Lebanese forces in southern Lebanon following the ending of clashes.

Moreover, the resolution refers to the need to establish a lasting, fair and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, and, to this end, it is important to implement related UN resolutions.

Turkey, from the beginning of the crisis, at bilateral and multilateral fora, has exerted great efforts to end the negative trend in the region by supporting an end to clashes as soon as possible and the declaration of a cease-fire, as well as stressing the need to negotiate the political framework of a lasting peace.

The resolution is a noteworthy step in terms of stopping the clashes before the crisis in Lebanon gains more crucial dimensions and paving the way in finding a lasting solution to the dispute. Moreover, the resolution will enable the creation of necessary conditions to provide urgent and comprehensive humanitarian assistance to Lebanon.

Within this framework, it is important that the parties --

without wasting any time -- act in compliance with the words and spirit of the UNSC resolution number 1701 that was adopted unanimously.

We expect the sides to end clashes immediately to enable implementation of the resolution.

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